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8 October 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

This memo supplements earlier information that I communicated orally to Gen. Haig pertaining to a prospective story by the N.Y. Times covering Bill Sullivan's dismissal by J. Edgar Hoover.

There is little doubt in my mind that the article will be published in one form or another. Ben Welles appears to be very well informed from a variety of sources, is convinced that Mr. Hoover should be forced to retire and that the pressure from the Times will further that objective. His editors at the Times are putting the heat on Welles to submit his article. I believe that their objective is also to discredit Hoover and force him out but probably for other reasons than that asserted by Welles.

There is also the possibility that the Sullivan case will be supported by liberal Democrats whose motivation will be to (a) discredit Mr. Hoover, and (b) to embarrass the administration. This would provoke a reaction on the part of Hoover's friends of the right wings of both parties.

Through Deputy Attorney General Martian, I have kept the Attorney General informed of the situation as I have learned it.

If he is not already knowledgeable, the President should be made aware of this potentially "hot potato." From our June meeting, the President is aware of the PFIABs views of the importance to the National Interest of more aggressive clandestine exploitation of foreign intelligence within the U.S. Sullivan has been a strong advocate of such action. His talents and dedication will be sorely missed.

In view of the obvious political ramifications of the problem, no specific recommendation is made at this time.

George
George W. Anderson, Jr.

NSS/NSC Review Completed.

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November 9, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN
FROM: AL HAIG

Dr. Kissinger asked that the attached copy be forwarded to you.

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